

Rhode Island **Election Calendar**

A guide for elections officials

Primary

September 12, 2018

General Election

November 6, 2018



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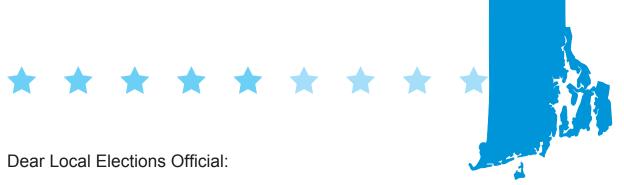


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As your Secretary of State, I am working hard to engage and empower all Rhode Islanders and ensure that our elections are fair, fast, and accurate. This digital guide contains all of the information and key dates you will need to administer the September primary and November's general election.

Some of the information included in this guide:

- Filing dates for candidates
- Voter registration deadlines
- Contact info for fellow elections officials

We also encourage you to print out the flyers on the final pages of this guide to post in your offices for local voters. While this guide is offered electronically to make it easier for you to share it with your colleagues, we are happy to provide a hard copy of the guide or the Voter ID flyer upon request. If you need additional information, please contact our Elections Division at 401-222-2340, TTY 711 or elections@sos.ri.gov.

Government can and must be effective, transparent and accountable to the people it serves in order to succeed. That can only happen when we all participate. As a local elections official, I know that you work hard to make sure that Rhode Islanders who are eligible to vote, participate in our democratic process. I thank you for also working to make sure that our elections run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Nellie M. Gorbea

Secretary of State

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Notes:

- > Rhode Island General Laws, [RIGL §17-1-7], provides for a uniform deadline of 4 p.m. unless another time is specified.
- > The determinations herein are a matter of interpretation and are intended solely as a guide. They do not constitute official interpretation of state law.
- > All statutory references are to Title 17 of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended as of December 31, 2017.
- > The Department of State will post changes to Title 17 that affect this election calendar on our website at www.sos.ri.gov. There will be a link on the Elections Division page that will take you to the status of any laws affecting the dates in this guide.

Election Calendar Highlights



Disaffiliation for candidates March 27, 28 and 29

May 26, 27 and 28 Deadline to register to file Declaration of Candidacy

Deadline for candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a

Declaration of Candidacy.

June 14 Last day for disaffiliation for primary voters

June 25, 26 and 27 **Declaration of Candidacy filing period**

> Declaration of Candidacy filing period. (All candidates for federal and statewide office file with the Department of State's Elections Division; all candidates for general assembly, local offices, Democratic state committee, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers where the candidate is

a registered voter.)

August 13 Deadline to register to vote in the party primaries

September 12 **PARTY PRIMARIES**

October 7 Deadline to register to vote in the general election

November 6 **GENERAL ELECTION**

2018 Election **Calendar and Explanations**

March 27, 28 and 29

Disaffiliation - candidates

Deadline to file disaffiliation to run as a candidate. If you wish to run as a candidate and are affiliated with a political party other than the party in which you wish to run, you must disaffiliate at your local board of canvassers by this time. Deadline depends on date you file your Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §17-14-1.1]

May 26, 27 and 28

Registration - candidates

Deadline for candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy. Persons must be registered to vote at least 30 days before filing their Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §17-14-1.2(a)]

Register to vote by: File declaration on:

June 25, 2018 May 26, 2018 June 26, 2018 May 27, 2018 June 27, 2018 May 28, 2018

June 14

Disaffiliation - primary voters

Deadline for voters to disaffiliate (if necessary) with their local board of canvassers in order to vote in a different party's primary. If you wish to disaffiliate you must do so at least 90 days prior to the primary. Unaffiliated voters may vote in any party's primary. [RIGL §17-9.1-24(a)]

June 25, 26 and 27

Declarations of Candidacy

Dates for filing declarations to be candidates in primaries or to be independent candidates in the general election. Candidates for federal and statewide office file with the Department of State's Elections Division. Candidates for general assembly, local offices, Democratic state committee, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers where the candidate is registered to vote. [RIGL §17-14-1]

June 28

Party nominations

For any state office for which no primary nomination has been made and any local office for which no nomination has been made by any authorized city, town, ward, or district committee or any duly authorized subcommittee, state committees of political parties may file party nominations within 24 hours of the deadline for the filing of declarations of candidacy in the same location where the individual nominated would have filed their declaration of candidacy for such office. [RIGL §17-12-2(3)]

June 28

District committee endorsements

District committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having district committee endorsement (senatorial and representative district committees from the City of Providence file with the Department of State's Elections Division). To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy. [RIGL §17-12-11(b)(2)(c)]

June 28

City/Town/Ward committee endorsements

City, town and ward committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of local candidates having committee endorsements. To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy. [RIGL §17-12-11]

June 29

State committee endorsements

State committee notifies the Department of State's Elections Division of the endorsement of candidates to be voted statewide and by congressional district. To be filed not later than the second day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy.

State committee to file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having committee endorsement when city, town or district committees have failed or neglected to do so. To be filed within 24 hours after city, town or district committees have failed to endorse. [RIGL §17-12-4]

July 3

Pick up nomination papers

First day nomination papers are available. Candidates for federal and statewide office (or their designees) obtain nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division. Candidates (or their designees) for the following offices from the City of Providence obtain their nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division: senator, representative, Democratic state committee, senatorial and representative district committees.

All other general assembly, local office, Democratic state committee, district committee and local committee candidates obtain nomination papers from local boards of canvassers where they filed their declaration of candidacy. Local board prepares within 2 business days of the final day of filing endorsements. (June 29th is final day for endorsement; June 30th is a Saturday; July 1st is a Sunday; July 2nd is the first business day; July 3rd is the second business day.) [RIGL §17-1-7]

Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division (148 West River Street, Providence, RI) must have written authorization from the candidate. [RIGL §17-14-4(a)(c)]

July 16

Submit nomination papers

All candidates (or their designees) file completed nomination papers with local boards of canvassers. To be filed on or before the 60th day before the primary. (July 14th is a Saturday; July 15th is a Sunday; July 16th is the first business day.) [RIGL §§17-1-7, 17-14-11]

July 17

Objections to candidates for local offices

Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for local offices. Objections to be filed with the local board of canvassers the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. [RIGL §17-14-13]

July 17

Withdrawals of candidates from local offices

Final date for local candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: in the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision. [RIGL §17-14-15]

July 19

Decisions on objections to candidates for local offices

Local boards of canvassers to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for local offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. [RIGL §17-14-14(b)(c)]

July 20

Nomination papers - certification

Last day for local boards of canvassers to file primary and independent nomination papers for federal and state offices, and certifications for local offices with the Department of State's Elections Division. Local boards to file not later than 54 days prior to the primary. [RIGL §17-14-12]

July 20 at 6 p.m.

Lottery for primary ballot

The Department of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement for unendorsed federal and state party candidates on primary ballots. The lottery will be held at 6 p.m. in the State Library, State House. If decision rendered on July 25th removes a candidate involved in the lottery, candidate's name will be removed from the ballot. [RIGL §17-15-8]

July 20 at 6 p.m.

Lottery for election ballot

The Department of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement of recognized political parties and independent candidates for the general election ballots. The lottery will be held at 6 p.m. in the State Library, State House. [RIGL §17-19-9.1]

July 23

Objections to candidates for federal and state offices

Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for all federal and state offices. Objections to be filed with the Department of State's Elections Division by the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. (July 21st is a Saturday; July 22nd is a Sunday; July 23rd is the first business day.) [RIGL §17-14-13]

July 23

Withdrawals of candidates from federal and state offices

Final date for federal and state candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: in the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision. (July 21st is a Saturday; July 22nd is a Sunday; July 23rd is the first business day.) [RIGL §17-14-15]

July 25

Decisions on objections to candidates for federal and state offices

Board of Elections to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for federal and state offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. [RIGL §17-14-14(a)(b)]

July 30

Submit list of poll workers - primaries

City/Town committees submit names to local board of canvassers of registered voters who will serve as wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-15-13]

Braille/tactile mail ballot requests July 30

> Final date for those voters who are blind, visually impaired, or disabled to request a Braille or a tactile primary mail ballot from their local board of canvassers.

[RIGL §17-19-8.1(b)]

August 8 Appointment of poll workers - primaries

> Local boards of canvassers to appoint wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks at least 35 days prior to the primaries. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-15-13]

August 8 Local questions

> Local boards of canvassers to certify to the Department of State's Elections Division a copy of each question to be submitted to the electors of the city or town. To be done not later than the 90th day before the election. [RIGL §17-19-7]

August 12 **Canvass notice - primaries**

> Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass. Notice to be posted not later than August 12th in order for

canvass to be conducted by August 22nd. [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]

August 13 Voter registration - primaries

Final date for voter registration for primaries. Registration must be made at least

30 days prior to the primary. [RIGL §§§17-1-3, 17-1-7, 17-9.1-3]

August 18 Voter lists - preliminary

> Local boards of canvassers to prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the primaries. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for

the primary.

In accordance with chapter 17-9.1, certain registrations processed on the last day to register to vote are allowed a 5-day transmittal period. Accordingly, local boards of canvassers cannot prepare and post preliminary lists of eligible voters

until after this 5-day transmittal period. [RIGL §17-10-3(a)]

Within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting list

Voter lists - names erroneously included or omitted

Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists. [RIGL §17-13-2]

August 22 Mail ballot applications - primaries

> Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to primaries.

[RIGL §17-20-2.1(c)]

August 22 Canvass voter lists

> Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to primaries (20th day is August 23rd – must be done before this

date). [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]

August 23 **Emergency ballot period begins**

Beginning of the period for emergency ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a ballot arise during the period from August 23rd through September 11th at 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(a)(b)]

August 25 Voting lists - final - primaries

Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for primaries. [RIGL §§17-10-5(a), 17-10-14]

August 25 Mail ballots - certification

Final day for local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Department of State's Elections Division not later than 18 days prior to the primaries, or within 7 days of receipt, whichever occurs first. [RIGL §17-20-10(c)]

September 4 Posting notice - primaries

Local boards of canvassers to post notice of primaries in each voting district. To be done at least 8 days prior to primaries. Local boards of canvassers may substitute posting of notices by publication in the newspaper. [RIGL §17-15-17]

September 4 Party officials - primaries

Local boards of canvassers to appoint watchers, checkers and runners for primaries. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town party committees at least 10 days prior to the primaries (September 2nd is a Sunday and September 3rd is Labor Day). [RIGL §17-15-13(c)]

September 11 at 4 p.m. **Emergency ballot period ends**

Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(b)]

September 12 Party Primaries

[RIGL §§17-15-1, 17-15-2]

September 12 at 8 p.m. Mail ballots

Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for primaries. Must be received by the Board of Elections at 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI not later than 8 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]

September 13 **Tabulation of returns**

Local boards of canvassers to meet and tabulate city and town primary returns as the case may be, and announce results. Certificates of nomination or election not to be issued until expiration of period for requesting recount, and if recount is requested, following decision thereon. [RIGL §17-15-30(a)]

September 13 Recount requests

Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of votes cast at a specific voting location or locations, or for filing other protests concerning the primary. Must be filed not later than the day following the primaries. [RIGL §17-15-34]

September 17

Filling vacancies

Final date for filling vacancies caused whenever a nominee of a recognized political party removes themselves from the jurisdiction of the district or as a candidate for the office for which the nominee seeks election. In the event of death, the vacancy can be filled at anytime. Vacancies must be filed in the same location where the individual would have filed their declaration of candidacy for such office. [RIGL §§17-1-7, 17-15-38(a)]

September 17

Local candidates

Local boards of canvassers to certify to the Department of State's Elections Division the names of candidates for each local office and the party name under which they were nominated, and the names of all qualified independent candidates for each local office. To be done not later than the third day following the date of the primaries. [RIGL §17-19-7]

September 24

Submit list of poll workers - general election

City/Town committees submit names to local board of canvassers of registered voters who will serve as wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-11-13]

September 24

Braille/tactile mail ballot requests

Final date for those voters who are blind, visually impaired, or disabled to request a braille or a tactile general election mail ballot from their local board of canvassers. [RIGL §17-19-8.1(b)]

October 2

Appointment of poll workers - general election

Local boards of canvassers to appoint poll workers for general election. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town committees at least 35 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-11-13(a)]

October 6

Canvass notice

Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass. Notice to be posted not later than October 6th in order for canvass to be conducted by October 16th. [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]

October 7

Voter registration – general election

Final date for voter registration for the general election. Registration must be made at least 30 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §§§17-1-3, 17-1-7, 17-9.1-3]

October 12

Voter list – preliminary

Local boards of canvassers must prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the general election. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for the general election.

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Voter lists – names erroneously included or omitted

Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists.

[RIGL §§17-10-5, 17-13-2]

October 14 Party conventions

State conventions for political parties in Rhode Island shall be held not later than October 14th. [RIGL §17-12-13]

October 16 Mail ballot applications - general election

Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §17-20-2.1(c)]

October 16 **Canvass voter lists**

Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to the general election (20th day is October 17th – must be done before this date). [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]

October 17 Emergency ballot period begins

Beginning of the period for emergency ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a ballot arise during the period from October 17th through November 5th at 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(a)(b)]

October 19 Voting lists - final - general election

Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for the general election. [RIGL §17-10-14]

October 19 Mail ballots - certification

Final day for local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Department of State's Elections Division (not later than 18 days prior to the general election, or within 7 days of receipt, whichever occurs first).

[RIGL §17-20-10(c)]

October 30 Warrants - posting

Final day for city and town clerks to issue and post warrants notifying of the general election. To be issued and posted at least 7 days prior to Election Day. [RIGL §17-18-3]

Emergency ballot period ends November 5 at 4 p.m.

Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m.

[RIGL §17-20-2.2(b)]

November 6 **Election Day**

[RIGL §17-18-5]

November 6 at 8 p.m. Mail ballots

> Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for the general election. Must be received by Board of Elections at 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI, not

later than 8 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]

November 13 Recount requests

Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of

votes. Petition to be filed within 7 days after the election.

[RIGL §§§17-1-7, 17-19-36, 17-19-37]

January, 2019 Committees – organization

City, town and district committees to organize. [RIGL §17-12-9(a)]

Within 10 days of organization

Committees - filings

City, town and district committees, within 10 days of organization, file lists of officers and members with the Department of State's Elections Division and local

boards of canvassers. [RIGL §17-12-9(c)]

2018 Campaign Finance Calendar

Note: "NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION"

Any candidate for public office, as defined in §17-25-3, is required to file a "Notice of Organization" with the Board of Elections prior to receiving any contributions or expending any money in the furtherance or aid of his/her candidacy or at the time of filing their declaration of candidacy, whichever occurs first. (Note: Persons who have a "Notice" on file with the Board of Elections and who regularly file reports with the Board are required to file an amended "Notice" whenever there is a change to information therein contained.)

For further information regarding campaign finance requirements, contact:

Rhode Island State Board of Elections

50 Branch Avenue

Providence, Rhode Island 02904

Phone: 401-222-2345 - Fax: 401-222-4424

Email: campaign.finance@elections.ri.gov - Website: www.elections.ri.gov

January 31 (not later than) POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES – TREASURER

Designation of a campaign treasurer by each state and municipal committee of a

political party. [§17-25-9]

March 1 **ANNUAL REPORTS**

Each state and municipal committee of a political party must file an annual report setting forth in the aggregate all contributions received and expenditures made

during the previous calendar year. [§17-25-7(b)]

April 30 (For reporting period January 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2018)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates, political parties, and political action

committees. [§17-25-11]

(For reporting period April 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2018) July 31

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates*, political parties, and political action committees.

* Candidates who file their "Notice of Organization" during the declaration period need not file this report. The first report of contributions received and expenditures incurred shall be due as follows:

> IF A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and August 14, 2018, shall be due on August 15, 2018.

> IF NOT A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and October 8, 2018, shall be due on October 9, 2018.

[§17-25-11]

August 15 (For reporting period July 1, 2018 thru August 14, 2018)

PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 28 days prior to the party primaries.

[§17-25-11(a)(2)]

September 5

(For reporting period August 15, 2018 thru September 4, 2018) PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 7 days prior to the party primaries. [§17-25-11(a)(2)]

October 9

PRE-ELECTION REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 28 days prior to the election.

If the candidate, political party or political action committee:

- > PARTICIPATED IN THE PRIMARY (Does not include unsuccessful primary candidates - See October 10, 2018) the reporting period is September 5, 2018 thru October 8, 2018.
- > DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIMARY the reporting period is July 1, 2018 thru October 8, 2018. [§17-25-11(a)(2)]

October 10

(For reporting period September 5, 2018 thru October 9, 2018)

POST-PRIMARY REPORTS – UNSUCCESSFUL PRIMARY CANDIDATES

All unsuccessful primary candidates must file reports 28 days after the primary. [§17-25-11(a)(3)]

October 30

(For reporting period October 9, 2018 thru October 29, 2018) PRE-ELECTION REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 7 days prior to the election. [§17-25-11(a)(2)]

October 31

(For reporting period July 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2018) QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates, political parties and political action committees that are not participating in the September primary or November election. [§17-25-11]

December 4

(For reporting period October 30, 2018 thru December 3, 2018) POST-ELECTION REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that participated in the election must file reports 28 days after the election. [§17-25-11(a)(3)]

January 31, 2019

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from all candidates, political parties, and political action committees.

If the candidate, political party or political action committee:

- > PARTICIPATED IN THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION the reporting period is December 4, 2018 thru December 31, 2018.
- > WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE PRIMARY the reporting period is October 10, 2018 thru December 31, 2018.
- DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A PRIMARY OR ELECTION the reporting period is October 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018. [§17-25-11]

Qualifications for Elective Office

Office	Age	State Residence	U.S. Citizen	Years in Term	# of Terms
U.S. Senator	30	yes	9 years	6	no limit
U.S. Representative	25	yes	7 years	2	no limit
Governor	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Lt. Governor	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Secretary of State	18	30 days	yes	4	2
General Treasurer	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Attorney General	18	30 days	yes	4	2
State Senator	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit
State Representative	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit

Polling Place Hours Opening Times of Polls

CITY/TOWN	OPEN A.M.	CITY/TOWN	OPEN A.M.
Barrington	7 a.m.	Newport	7 a.m.
Bristol	7 a.m.	New Shoreham	9 a.m.
Burrillville	7 a.m.	North Kingstown	7 a.m.
Central Falls	7 a.m.	North Providence	7 a.m.
Charlestown	7 a.m.	North Smithfield	7 a.m.
Coventry	7 a.m.	Pawtucket	7 a.m.
Cranston	7 a.m.	Portsmouth	7 a.m.
Cumberland	7 a.m.	Providence	7 a.m.
East Greenwich	7 a.m.	Richmond	7 a.m.
East Providence	7 a.m.	Scituate	7 a.m.
Exeter	7 a.m.	Smithfield	7 a.m.
Foster	7 a.m.	South Kingstown	7 a.m.
Glocester	7 a.m.	Tiverton	7 a.m.
Hopkinton	7 a.m.*	Warren	7 a.m.
Jamestown	7 a.m.**	Warwick	7 a.m.
Johnston	7 a.m.	Westerly	7 a.m.*
Lincoln	7 a.m.	West Greenwich	7 a.m.
Little Compton	7 a.m.*	West Warwick	7 a.m.
Middletown	7 a.m.	Woonsocket	7 a.m.
Narragansett	7 a.m.		

^{*} in primary elections in the towns of Hopkinton, Little Compton and Westerly polls shall open at 9 a.m.

Closing Times of Polls

The polls in all cities and towns in Rhode Island will remain open for voting until 8 p.m.

Any person eligible to vote who is in line to vote at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast his or her vote before the polls close.

^{**} in primary elections in the town of Jamestown polls shall open at 8 a.m

Local Boards of Canvassers

Contact Information

Barrington Town Hall

283 County Rd. 02806 247-1900 x4

Bristol Town Hall

10 Court St. 02809 253-7000

Burrillville Town Hall

105 Harrisville Main St. Harrisville 02830 568-4300

Central Falls City Hall

580 Broad St. 02863

727-7400

Charlestown Town Hall

4540 South County Trl. 02813 364-1200

Coventry Town Hall

1670 Flat River Rd. 02816 822-9150

Cranston City Hall

869 Park Ave. 02910

780-3126

Cumberland Town Hall

45 Broad St. 02864

728-2400

East Greenwich Town Hall

125 Main St.

P.O. Box 111 02818

886-8603

East Providence City Hall

145 Taunton Ave. 02914

435-7502

Exeter Town Hall

675 Ten Rod Rd. 02822

294-2287

Foster Town Hall

181 Howard Hill Rd. 02825

392-9201

Glocester Town Hall

1145 Putnam Pike

P.O. Drawer B, Chepachet 02814

568-6206 x0

Hopkinton Town Hall

1 Town House Rd. 02833 377-7777

Jamestown Town Hall

93 Narragansett Ave. 02835 423-9804

Johnston Town Hall

1385 Hartford Ave. 02919

553-8856

Lincoln Town Hall

100 Old River Rd. P.O. Box 100 02865

333-1140

Little Compton Town Hall

40 Commons

P.O. Box 226 02837

635-4400

Middletown Town Hall

350 East Main Rd. 02842

849-5540

Narragansett Town Hall

25 Fifth Ave. 02882

782-0625

Newport City Hall

43 Broadway 02840

845-5386

New Shoreham Town Hall

16 Old Town Rd.

P.O. Box 220 02807

466-3200

North Kingstown Town Hall

100 Fairway Dr. 02852

294-3331 x128

North Providence Town Hall

2000 Smith St. 02911

232-0900 x234

North Smithfield Municipal Annex

575 Smithfield Rd. 02896

767-2200

Pawtucket City Hall

137 Roosevelt Ave. 02860

722-1637

Portsmouth Town Hall

2200 East Main Rd. 02871

683-3157

Providence City Hall

25 Dorrance St. Room 102 02903

421-0495

Richmond Town Hall

5 Richmond Townhouse Rd.

Wyoming 02898

539-9000 x9

Scituate Town Hall

195 Danielson Pike

P.O. Box 328, N. Scituate 02857

647-7466

Smithfield Town Hall

64 Farnum Pike

Esmond 02917 233-1000 x112

South Kingstown Town Hall

180 High St.

Wakefield 02879

789-9331 x1231

Tiverton Town Hall

343 Highland Rd. 02878

625-6703

Warren Town Hall

514 Main St. 02885

245-7340 x4

Warwick City Hall

3275 Post Rd. 02886

738-2010

West Greenwich Town Hall

280 Victory Hwy. 02817

392-3800

West Warwick Town Hall

1170 Main St. 02893

822-9201

Westerly Town Hall

45 Broad St. 02891

348-2503

Woonsocket City Hall

169 Main St.

P.O. Box B 02895

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State Elections and Political Party Offices

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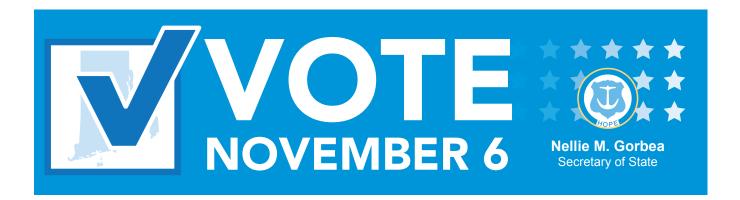
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Department of State's Website

The following information concerning the 2018 election cycle will be found at: www.sos.ri.gov/elections

- > Election Calendar English & Spanish
- > How to Run for Office Guide English & Spanish Available soon
- > How to Register and Vote Guide English & Spanish Available soon
- > Declaration of Candidacy Form Available soon
- > Political Party Endorsement Form Available soon
- > Qualified Federal and State Candidates: Starting June 26, 2018, daily updates of federal and state candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- > Qualified Local Candidates: Starting June 26, 2018, daily updates of local candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- > Sample ballots
- > Find your polling place
- > Mail Ballot Applications Available soon
- > Voter Referenda Handbook Available September, 2018



Bring an ID to the polls



Poll workers will ask you to show a Photo ID when you vote at your polling place. Voter ID strengthens the public's faith in the integrity of our elections by enabling poll workers to match a voter's name to their face.

What is an acceptable Photo ID?

IDs must be valid and cannot have expired, but they do not need to have your current address.

Acceptable Photo IDs include:

- > RI driver's license/permit
- > U.S. passport
- > ID card issued by any federally recognized tribal government
- > ID card issued by an educational institution in the U.S.
- > U.S. military ID card
- > ID card issued by the U.S. government or State of Rhode Island (RIPTA bus pass, etc.)
- > Government issued medical card
- > RI Voter ID card

Protecting Your Vote

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot, which will be counted if the signature they give at the polling place matches the signature on their voter registration card.

Mail ballots will not require Voter ID.

Don't have a valid photo ID? Get a free Voter ID.

Find out what documents you need to get a voter ID at www.sos.ri.gov

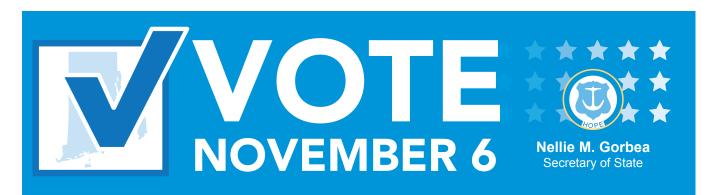
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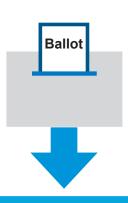
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AUGUST

Deadline to register to vote in the Primary

PARTY PRIMARIES

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Deadline to register to vote in the General Election

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER

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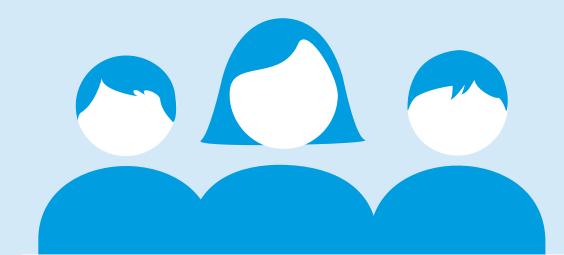
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